



**GCSE**

4171/02

**ENGLISH/ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
HIGHER TIER  
UNIT 1 (READING)**

A.M. THURSDAY, 10 January 2013

1 hour

**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS**

Resource Material.

An 8 page answer booklet.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Use black ink or black ball-point pen.

Answer **all** questions.

Write your answers in the separate answer book provided.

**INFORMATION FOR CANDIDATES**

The total mark available for this unit is 40.

The number of marks in brackets will give you an indication of the time you should spend on each question or part-question.

Answer **all** the following questions.

*These two texts were written in 2007 when Lewis Hamilton was just beginning his career as a Formula 1 racing driver.*

*The Profile by Paul Kelso, on the opposite page, appeared in The Guardian. The article by Paul Scott in the **separate Resource Material**, was written a few months later and was published in the Daily Mail.*

**Look at the Profile by Paul Kelso on the opposite page.**

1. According to the Profile, what sort of person is Lewis Hamilton? [10]

*You must use the text to support your answer.*

**Look at the first page of Paul Scott's article in the separate Resource Material.**

2. How does Paul Scott show Lewis Hamilton's reactions to fame and success? [10]

*You must use the text to support your answer.*

**Now look at the second page of the article.**

3. What do you think and feel about Lewis Hamilton in this part of the article? [10]

*You must use the text to support your answer.*

**To answer the next question you will need to refer to both texts.**

4. What do you learn about Lewis Hamilton's family from these texts?

Organise your answer into two paragraphs, using the following headings:

(a) What I learn from the Profile;

(b) What I learn from the article.

[10]

*You must make it clear which text you are taking your information from.*

## Profile: Lewis Hamilton

**‘He’s one of a new breed of young sportsmen who are a breath of fresh air, and he’s hugely exciting.’**

**Formula 1’s first black driver is in pole position to be Britain’s biggest sports star.**

Albert Park, Melbourne, and on the opening day of the Grand Prix season, Lewis Hamilton is preparing for his Formula 1 debut. Remarkably for a 22-year-old, his black-and-silver McLaren sits on the second row of the grid, in front of eighteen cars piloted by vastly more experienced drivers.

McLaren’s team boss, Ron Dennis, has asked reporters not to ask questions but Hamilton just squats against the pit wall, listening calmly to the final words from the man who has guided his career.

The race, in which he astonished observers by finishing third, announced his prodigious gifts as a driver. He passed two cars, including the world champion, on the first corner. As a declaration of intent and talent, it has rarely been matched. Mark Blundell, a former Formula 1 driver, said, ‘He’s one of a new breed of young sportsmen who are a breath of fresh air, and he’s hugely exciting. He’s the first black driver but after three races all we are talking about is whether the sport has found a new superstar.’

To appreciate the significance of Hamilton’s rise you have to consider where he started. Formula 1 has never had a black driver and few have come from such an ordinary background as Lewis Hamilton. His father, Anthony, moved to the UK from the West Indies when he was three and grew up in Hertfordshire. He started a family – Lewis has a brother, Nicolas, who has cerebral palsy – while working for British Rail. Separated from his wife when Lewis was two, Anthony raised the boys alone, indulging his own interest in motorsport by encouraging Lewis to take an interest.

Aged five, Lewis began driving a remote controlled car, and he won his first kart race aged eight. At 14 he competed in a televised karting series, a series backed by McLaren. He won and was signed by Ron Dennis who has guided his career since.

Lewis Hamilton has been groomed for stardom and he is a young man apparently fully prepared for the demands of Formula 1. Drivers comment on his pace, engineers praise his ability to analyse the performance of a car and suggest technical improvements, and broadcasters and sponsors adore his level-headed, well-mannered personality.

To succeed in Formula 1 you need the talent to drive fast, the courage to go faster than you think you can, and the determination to win. If you’ve got all that you need to be 100% focused, and if you can do that for ten years, then you have Lewis Hamilton.

Paul Kelso



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**Resource Material**

# How Lewis Hamilton went from nought to sexy

There has been much fevered activity in recent weeks on the elegant boulevards of Monaco as well-dressed 'property finders' scour the country on behalf of a mysterious client. He is said to be in the market for a luxury apartment with views of the Mediterranean. But the word is already out that the shadowy buyer is none other than Formula 1 golden boy Lewis Hamilton. The fresh-faced, 22-year-old is quickly developing a taste for the good life, as his exploits on the race track propel him to the summit of sporting stardom. This week, for example, he has taken up residence on a yacht which is available to hire at an eye-watering £285,000 a week to anyone wanting the last word in ocean-going luxury. But since it is owned by a shareholder in Hamilton's McLaren team, the boy racer and a gaggle of his friends are being put up for free.



The super-confident Lewis seems to be coping admirably with his sudden change of fortune since he exploded onto the Formula 1 scene this season. He is not remotely 'fazed' by the moneyed circles into which he has suddenly been catapulted. He has come to expect and demand nothing but the best. Only the finest hotel suites will do, and he has taken to travelling to lucrative sponsorship events by helicopter.

Meanwhile, he has developed a taste for 'bling', jewellery which includes a garish diamond ring in the shape of a tyre. His sudden fame has won him a new and glamorous circle of celebrity admirers, including rapper P Diddy, who made him guest of honour at a lavish party he threw at a private club in London. At the same time he has swapped his economical Smart car for a tank-like Mercedes.

More significantly perhaps, he has also traded in his girlfriend of four years who stood by him as he rose from penniless go-kart racer to sport's most bankable poster boy. He was photographed this week with a shapely brunette who was most definitely not the girl he met when they were both college students.



These are heady days for a young man who just a few months ago was almost unknown. It is a world away from Hamilton's childhood upbringing by a single parent in a council house in Hertfordshire.

As the first black man to win a Formula 1 grand prix, his earning potential is huge and Hamilton is a marketing dream. With his good looks, megawatt smile and rags-to-riches story, he has breathed new life into a sport that was recently on its knees. He has his father Anthony to thank for his determination and will to win. The former British Rail worker took on three jobs to pay for his son's rise through the ranks from karting to Formula 1. Mr Hamilton, whose family came to Britain in the 1950s from the West Indies, separated from his son's mother Carmen when Lewis was two years old. Lewis lived with his mother until he was ten but when she married again, he chose to live with his father. Hamilton senior nurtured his son's talent for racing and would ferry Lewis around the country in his rusting Vauxhall Cavalier, while well-off competitors travelled in gleaming mobile homes. However, now it is estimated that before his career is over Lewis could be the world's first sporting billionaire.

While he remains as close as ever to his father, there have been rumours that his relationship with his mother has been strained. Despite her son's sudden wealth, she claimed this year that she could not afford the airfare to see him in action in Australia. She even entered a local radio competition in a failed bid to win tickets. Neighbours say she is known for her fiery temperament. Certainly,

for all his happy-go-lucky public image, her son has, it seems, inherited his mother's spirited approach to life. He has clashed with other drivers, including his own team mate. His swift rise to stardom has come at the expense of his privacy. He can't go anywhere without being mobbed by fans and he says he is going mad because he can't escape, even on the golf course.

No wonder Formula 1's boy wonder is planning to leave Britain for the millionaire's playground of Monte Carlo.

Paul Scott